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MEDIA ALERT REGARDING APRIL 22 ORLEANS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS:

Secretary of State Al Ater's Office will have a command center set up at the Marriott – Convention Center in New Orleans. The address is 859 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70130. The main phone number is (504) 613-2888.

We will have both a press briefing room and a press working room set up for the members of the working media. Fulton Street, which runs along the back of the hotel, will be blocked off for media truck parking.

Because of the tremendous national media interest in the upcoming Orleans Municipal elections, slated for April 22, we are asking that those who will be covering the election pre-register so we may get an accurate count on how many we will need to accommodate in both our press briefing area and our press working area. **The deadline to let us know you will be covering the election is Friday, April 7.**

Please call Brandee Morgan in the Secretary of State's Office at 225-342-4479, or email: brandee.morgan@sos.louisiana.gov to pre-register.

Secretary Ater will also host a walk-through for the press on Friday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. Since no recording devices of any kind will be allowed in the tabulation room to prevent the dissemination of election returns prior to the closing of the polls on election day, we will be providing a walk-through of the tabulation room and our command center at the hotel, as well as a tour of one of the mega-polling places at the University of New Orleans. A pool camera will be provided for both (silent) taped and still footage from the tabulation room at the command center on the day of the election.

Please be aware that Louisiana law provides for a 600 foot campaign free zone around a polling place which prohibits anyone from remaining in a polling place, except when exercising the right to vote. **The deadline to let us know you would like to be included in the walk through is Friday, April 7.**

Please call Brandee to RSVP for the walk through, as well, so we can be adequately prepared.

On the day of the election, Secretary Ater will give scheduled briefings at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Other briefings will be given if needed.

Also, please continue to call me with any questions or concerns, 225-342-4479.

For the day of the election, my cell phone number is: 225-572-1916. Brandee will be in the command center, her cell phone is: 225-328-2977.

Best Regards,
Jennifer Marusak